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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR REPROCESSING STORY IN REUTERS
REF: TOKYO 18952

1. IN A NEWS ITEM DATED TOKYO, JANUARY 18 REUTERS
STATES QUOTE JAPAN HAS INFORMED THE UNITED STATES IT
WILL GO AHEAD WITH A PROJECT TO REPROCESS ITS OWN USED
NUCLEAR FUEL AT A NEWLY-BUILT PLANT NEAR HERE, FOREIGN
MINISTRY SOURCES SAID TODAY.

A NOTE TO THIS EFFECT WAS DELIVERED LAST MONTH BY THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE, THEY
SAID.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TOOK THE ACTION IN CONNECTION
WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S CALL LAST OCTOBER FOR STRENGTHENED
CONTROL OF TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES FOR REPROCESSING
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USED NUCLEAR FUEL TO PREVENT PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.

JAPAN IS AT PRESENT TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED STATES
FOR REACTOR FUEL. END QUOTE.

2. WE ASSUMED THAT THE NOTE REFERRED TO IN STORY REFERS

EITHER TO THE JAPANESE REQUEST TO BE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE US FUELS REPROCESSED AT TOKAI OR TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE FORWARDED VIA TOKYO'S 18952 IN WHICH THE GOJ CONVEYED TO THE USG ITS BASIC POLICY OF DEVELOPING ATOMIC ENERGY BY ESTABLISHING ITS OWN NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE EMBASSY WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. IF THE AIDE MEMOIRE IS THE BASIS OF THE STORY WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PUBLICLY COMMENT SINCE THE NOTE WAS GIVEN TO US ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND WE WOULD HOPE GOJ WOULD CONTINUE TO TREAT THE DOCUMENT AS CLASSIFIED UNTIL WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY DISCUSS AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES ON THE SUBJECT. IF THE TOKAI REQUEST IS THE BASIS WE ARE PREPARED TO STATE THAT WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY GOJ TO APPROVE THE REPROCESSING OF US FUELS AT THAT PLANT AND HAVE THAT REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY IN COMMENTING ON REUTERS STORY.
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